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## DCHC MPO Seeks Comment on Draft FY24 Project Swap Recommendations

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is seeking your feedback on draft project swap recommendations within the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). DCHC MPO has recommended a list of six projects to be swapped in while three projects would be swapped out. Recommendations are based on existing local and regional priorities. *Public comment will be open through March 7, 2023.*

### DCHC MPO staff recommend the following swaps:

#### Projects to Swap In:

 Division Tier  Statewide Tier

STIP #	Project	From	To	Description	Funding Amount
U-6118	NC 55	Meridian	I-40	Construct Auxiliary Lane	\$5,299,000
U-6120	NC 98	Junction	Lynn	Safety Improvements, Bike/Ped Facilities, Transit Accommodations	\$18,199,000
P-5734	Trinity RR	Trinity Rd		Grade separation	\$36,865,000
P-5736	Beryl RR	Beryl	Royal	Grade separation	\$3,196,000
U-5304F	US 15-501	SR 1742	I-40	Corridor capacity improvements	\$52,700,000
U-5774F	NC 54	Little Creek	I-40	Corridor upgrade and interchange improvements	\$173,412,000
TOTAL					\$289,671,000

#### Projects to Swap Out:

 Regional Tier  Division Tier  Statewide Tier

STIP #	Project	From	To	Description	Funding Amount
U-6021	Fayetteville	Barbee	Woodcroft	Widen to four lanes w/ bike/ped	\$26,000,000
U-5720B	US 70	Miami	Page Extn	Freeway conversion	\$223,419,000
U-5774B	NC 54	Fordham	Barbee Chapel	Upgrades to corridor and intersection	\$66,374,000
TOTAL					\$315,793,000

Public comments can be submitted via our [online survey](#) or submitted directly to Kelly Fomenko at (919) 560-4366 ext. 36498 or [Kelly.Fomenko@dchcmpo.org](mailto:Kelly.Fomenko@dchcmpo.org).

## **Background**

The STIP is a ten-year funding document that contains transportation projects across the state of North Carolina and DCHC MPO projects are a subset of these projects, which the MPO maintains in its own Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), who oversee the STIP, have determined projects that are eligible to be swapped in the STIP and those can be found in the [2024-2033 Draft STIP](#).

Project swapping is an atypical situation that was the result of fiscal constraints over the course of the COVID pandemic. The state typically goes through a strategic prioritization process (SPOT) leading up to the adoption of a new STIP, where projects are scored, reprioritized, and can receive funding. The most recent cycle, which was being processed in advance of the FY2024-2033 STIP, was canceled due to funding issues; projects already in the STIP were then reprioritized based on existing funding, which resulted in projects being removed from the STIP.

Given the nature of this reprogramming, and the displacement of projects due to budget constraints, MPOs could now request to "swap" STIP projects if they met certain criteria. This would allow projects to either be moved up within the STIP, or for projects that were not included in the ten-year STIP to be moved into the STIP, provided that other projects were therefore removed.

More information on the DCHC MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) can be found [here](#) and details on the draft recommended swaps can be found [here](#). For information on individual projects, visit our [project database](#).